

THE TIMES Monday

Coming up Alternative medicine - Part 1 of a three-part series in Spectrum... Tuning up Modern Times leads an ear to the changing sound of busking...

Bigger cuts in health staff sought

Health authorities are being asked by the Government to cut more of their staff than is necessary to meet the emergency cash cuts imposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer...

FT return set

The Financial Times will recommence publication next Tuesday, after this week's settlement of the nine-week pay dispute...

Falklands fire

A cargo ship on charter to the Ministry of Defence exploded and caught fire in Port Stanley harbour. Eight seamen overcame by heat and smoke were taken to hospital.

Shultz pledge

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who assured the Senate foreign relations committee that US military conflict was not being contemplated in Central America...

Family money

A new insurance package special for students and a government scheme to help unemployed people turn into entrepreneurs are featured in Family Money today.

Cricket tour on

The West Indies tour of England next summer goes on without conditions. English Test players' contracts will not have clauses preventing them from touring South Africa unofficially.

America's Cup

The New York Yacht Club, holders of the America's Cup, have asked the International Yacht Racing Union for an immediate decision on the legality of Australia II's keel.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Sports, Business, Court, Crossword, Diary, Features, Law Report. Includes sub-sections like Letters, Obituary, Religion, Science, Services, Sport, TV & Radio, Universities, Weather, Wills.

Pound avoids worst of strong dollar advance

The dollar soared to new peaks on world currency markets yesterday, despite continuing central bank intervention to dampen its progress, as fears of higher American interest rates intensified...

The pound, which had come under some pressure on Thursday, slumped by more than 2 cents to a low of \$1.4355. This was its lowest level for more than four months and marks a fall over the past week of 3.50 cents.

Against the Deutschemark, the dollar yesterday surged to a 9 1/2 year high of DM2,6675 at the official Frankfurt fixing, and in Paris it set a record of FF8,0940, despite heavy dollar sales by the Bank of France...

Thatcher resumes work in hospital

The Prime Minister resumed detailed work in her private room at Princess Christian Hospital, Windsor, yesterday after her eye operation on Wednesday. She also spent a short time taking the air in the hospital grounds.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is not yet using her right eye and has not been reading very much. However, she was able to dictate replies to messages in good will from well-wishers. She signed a reply to a letter from Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party...

After visiting his wife last night, Mr Denis Thatcher said that the Prime Minister expected to leave hospital today. He said that hospital life was not entirely in her liking "and she will be jumping up and down in 48 hours, that's for sure".

France censured on day-trips

British officials believe that the French want to exclude black people and have used the Immigration Act as an excuse. They say there is no evidence for French suggestions that some British people without the right of abode have been crossing the Channel on day-trips and not returning.

Turkey places £146m order for Rapier

British Aerospace is supplying £146m worth of its Rapier low-level anti-aircraft missiles in Turkey (our Defence Correspondent writes).

It is the first order for the system to be placed by a European member of Nato, although the United States has ordered it to defend its airfields in the United Kingdom.

The news was revealed in Turkey, and British sources refused to confirm it. However, it is understood that it is for 36 towed firing units equipped with blindfire radar enabling use in all weathers.



Royal favourite produces a winner

The Queen's favourite racehorse has delighted her owner by becoming a mother at last (Chris Goulding writes). Dunfermline, who first won the Oaks and then became one of the few fillies to win the St Leger in 1977, has a five-month-old filly foal...

When she was retired to stud the double classics winner was sent to America for a breeder's dream partnership with the great Epsom Derby winner, Nijinsky. But the mating was unsuccessful. An attempt was then made with another Derby winner, Roberto, but that also failed.

Sri Lanka silences Tamil voice

By 150 votes, to none, Sinhalese MPs effectively deprived the Tamil community of their only voice in Parliament by outlawing parties advocating separatism. The vote came yesterday morning.

The only Tamil party in Parliament, the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which made an independent Tamil state a plank in its platform in 1976, boycotted the special session of Parliament called to pass the sixth amendment to the constitution.

Other gifts have included a necklace from her son, a large box of Turkish delight, contents of home-made gooseberry jam and a glass goblet engraved "Maggie".

Mr Premadasa, carried vote by 150 to 0. The confidence report was reportedly considered by the leadership but put aside as too radical in its analysis and too far-reaching in its conclusions.

Andropov says missile talks near standstill

Moscow (Reuters) - President Yuri Andropov yesterday told the Portuguese Communist Party leader, Senhor Alvaro Cunhal, that he considered disarmament talks with the US in Geneva had come practically to a standstill, Tass reported.

Luck of the Irish staked on oil strike

Conversation in the bars of Ireland has in the past few days been turning towards the price of the "black stuff". And with Guinness at over a pound a pint, a switch from discussing the price of drink has been more than welcomed.

The "black stuff" in question is oil and the oil that is rumoured to lie under the sea 20 miles off the coast of Waterford in the Irish Republic. On the strength of rumours circulating within Ireland, shares in Atlantic Resources, a member of the consortium which is developing the oilfield, have leapt from a low of 30p in

Kremlin document lashes economy

A confidential Kremlin report containing devastating criticism of the Soviet economy has been leaked in Moscow only a week after the leadership announced reforms widely regarded as limited, timid and vague. The report said, "The system had failed to respond to social and political changes by adapting economic mechanisms to the needs and abilities of a far more sophisticated workforce".

Bomb kills 15 at Tripoli mosque

At least 15 people were killed and 40 wounded when a car bomb exploded yesterday outside a mosque crowded with worshippers in Tripoli. The explosion happened as Muslims were emerging after attending Friday prayers. One section of the mosque was destroyed and some people were trapped underneath the rubble before rescue workers dug them out.

Reports reaching Beirut said gunmen fired machine guns in the air to clear the way for ambulances carrying the victims to hospital. In spite of the continuing sectarian strife in Lebanon, there have been few attacks on this scale aimed at places of worship. This was the first attack on a Muslim mosque in recent weeks and there is no indication who was responsible for the bombing.

Tripoli, the second largest city in Lebanon, lies 50 miles north of Beirut. Its population of 500,000 is predominantly Sunni Muslim.

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Mugabe curbs press freedom

From Stephen Taylor Harare. In the second move against foreign correspondents in a week, the Zimbabwe Government yesterday gazetted emergency powers regulations which provide for censorship of reports on the security situation in Matabeleland.

The regulation, gazetted under the sweeping Law and Order Maintenance Act, are contained in a section titled: "Control of information relating to terrorism." They enable the authorities to prohibit the broadcast or publication anywhere of facts or statements on terrorism, sabotage or anti-insurgency operations by the security forces.

The section is almost identical down to its wording, to that gazetted in January 1978 by Mr Smith's administration to censor reporting on the guerrilla war and which was scrapped by Mr Robert Mugabe's Government at independence. In some sentences the only change is from "Rhodesia" to "Zimbabwe".

The one significant difference is that the 1978 regulations covered the country as a whole, while the new regulations will apply to areas designated by the Minister of Home Affairs. By yesterday afternoon no area had yet been designated and the regulations were consequently null and effect.

The legislation has been restructured in response to a spate of reports on disappearing security problems in Matabeleland, the western province afflicted by banditry and guerrilla violence over the past 16 months.

A Government spokesman said yesterday, "This has been necessary because of events in Matabeleland and the kind of speculative reporting we have been getting".

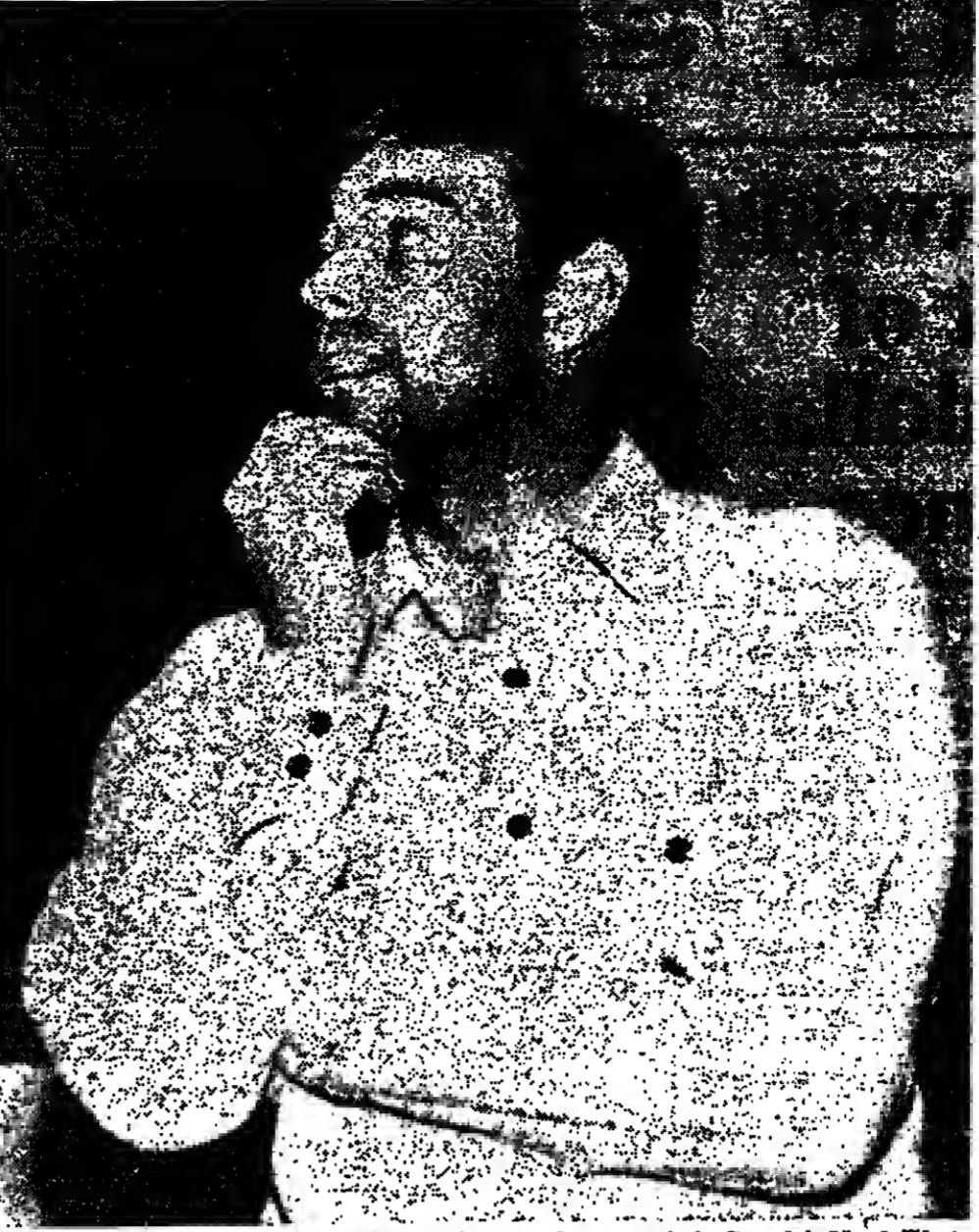
Last weekend information beads of the six frontline states, including Zimbabwe, announced a ban on correspondents based in South Africa, saying that they had become agents of a policy of destabilization by Pretoria.

The Government has long maintained that Zimbabwe has been the victim of distorted and hostile reporting in the Western, mainly British, media. These claims intensified after the Matabeleland massacres of January and February and now scarcely a day goes by without some reference in the local media to "anti-Zimbabwe propaganda" in "the imperialist press".

One of the latest such barbs is understood to have brought a complaint from the British High Commission to the Editor of The Herald newspaper here. The objection was a long article published in The Herald on Thursday and written by a diplomat formerly accredited to the Zimbabwe High Commission in London. The article, run across 10 columns and headlined "Continued on back page, col 4"

Ministers ask the health regions to make even bigger cuts than expected

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent
The Government is asking health authorities to cut staff by more than would be needed to meet the emergency cash cuts...



Prince Andrew, sporting a beard after his three-week canoe trip in Canada's North West Territories, visiting the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Reprieved killers readapt well to community life

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent
The fate of 61 men who were once sentenced to death in Britain but were reprieved and eventually released is disclosed in a study by a probation chief...

Supergrass trial 22 jailed for terrorist crimes

From Richard Ford, Belfast
Twenty-two people including leading members of the Provisional IRA, are sentenced yesterday to jail sentences of between three years and life after being convicted of terrorist crimes...

Labour counts cost of leadership battle

By John Winder
At least one of the candidates in the Labour Party leadership elections is concerned at the cost and difficulty of reaching the electorate...

Meriden appoints liquidator

From Clifford Webb, Birmingham
The remains of 180 members of the Meriden motor cycle cooperative yesterday voted to put the company, which has debts of almost £2m into liquidation...

Oxford degrees St John's College back at the top

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent
St John's College has regained its place this year at the top of the Norrington Table, the annual ranking of the Oxford colleges' final examination results...

Four get life sentences

The sentences passed in Belfast Crown Court yesterday were as follows: Kevin Mulgrew, aged 27: Life for murder of UDR soldier; total of 963 years concurrent on 84 other serious charges...

Hiroshima vigil at Greenham

By Richard Timmins
Several hundred protesters arrived at Greenham Common in Berkshire yesterday, as part of a series of marches, fasts and vigils being held worldwide to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the dropping of the Hiroshima atomic bomb in Japan...

Police ambush four-man shotgun gang

Central Robbery Squad detectives ambushed an armed gang yesterday outside a British Telecom wages office in north London...

Carrier to be blamed for Kos typhoid

A carrier who has left the Greek island of Kos is expected to be blamed for the typhoid outbreak which has hit 25 British holidaymakers in hospital...

Three railmen killed

Rail travellers saw a train speed through their station yesterday dragging a man's body. Three trackmen were killed just before 10 am when the 90mph train pulling empty passenger coaches, struck them half a mile east of Polmont, near Falkirk, on the Edinburgh to Glasgow line...

Murder-hunt police seek men

By Arthur Osman
Lothian and Borders police issued a police artist's impressions yesterday of two men they would like to interview about the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, on July 8...

Explosives are found on M1

Branch officers took away the explosives. The police said they believed they were dumped by criminals not terrorists.

Million TV-am viewers

A dispute broke out last night between the BBC and TV-am over audience figures for breakfast television. TV-am, the commercial channel, claimed that it was closing the gap on the BBC. It said that new figures showed that it had a peak audience of one million during the week ending July 31 - a rise of 400,000.

Correction

The Open Day '83 event shown in a photograph on July 30 was of the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington Camp, Dorset.

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Calm Shultz rules out use of force in Central America

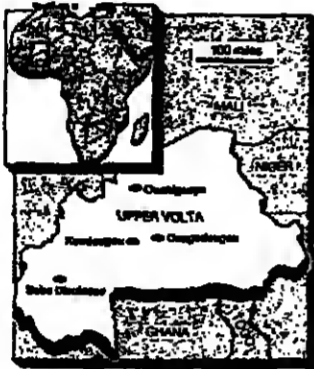
From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, brought his calm and conciliatory manner to bear on a sceptical Senate foreign relations committee with repeated assurances that military conflict is not contemplated in Central America.

President overthrown after nine months

Ousted Prime Minister seizes power in Upper Volta coup

Ouagadougou (AFP) - At least five people died in an apparently successful coup against the Upper Volta leader, Major Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo, sources at the Yalgadogo Ouédraogo Hospital said yesterday.



The dead were two soldiers and three civilians. Six French nationals, including a four-year-old child, were among the 15 people known to have been wounded in the fighting, which followed the coup by the former Prime Minister, Captain Thomas Sankara.



Under guard: Mayor Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo

Thursday night, as well as several other parts of the sprawling capital, but informed sources said the coup appeared to have been carried out with surprising ease.

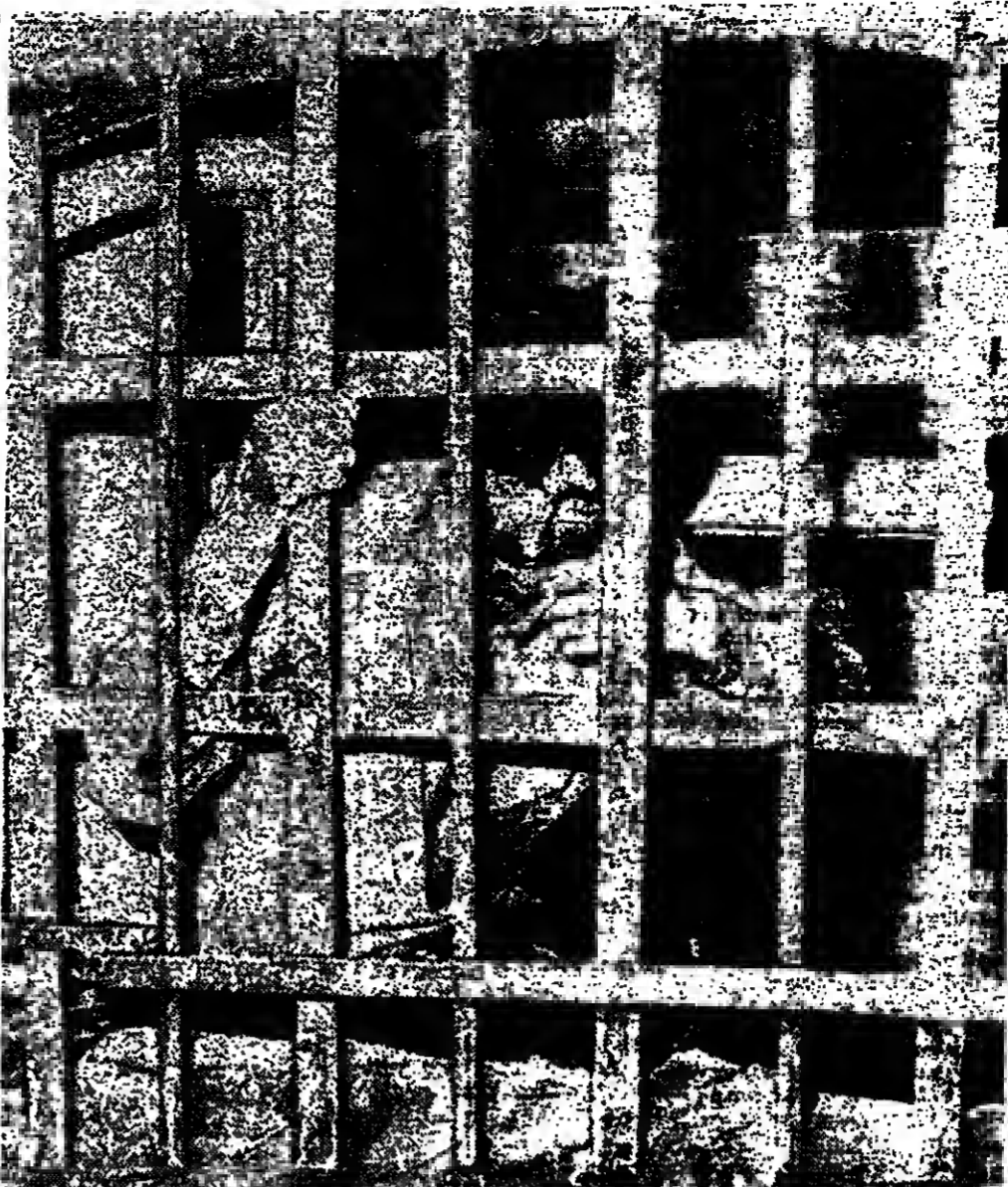
Some prominent military officers and civilians loyal to Major Ouédraogo, including a trusted adviser, Colonel Gabriel Some Yorlan, managed to evade arrest, the sources said.

Chad to get \$15m US military aid

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan has authorized \$15m (£10m) more in emergency military aid to Chad in his fight against Libyan-backed insurgents.

The aid would provide the Government with "a reasonable chance to defend itself against Libyan escalation."



Shepherd in rabies quarantine

A 38-year-old shepherd, Ismet Ingly, in a quarantine cell yesterday in the eastern Turkish town of Erzurum. He showed signs of rabies after being bitten by a dog three weeks ago.

Syrians deride McFarlane

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

When Mr Robert McFarlane, the latest of President Reagan's Middle East envoys, arrives in Damascus today, he will be greeted by President Assad's familiar rejection of any Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

Argentine clergy invited to Britain

Vancouver (Reuters) - Churches in Argentina have been invited to send a delegation to Britain next March as part of an effort to build better relations between the two countries.

Student bank raid foiled

Stockholm - Eight students who came close to pulling off one of the largest bank robberies of the decade have been arrested in Norway.

Passport change

Hongkong (AFP) - An endorsement on British dependent territory passports which made holders subject to immigration controls has been changed because of "strong feelings" here.

Cabinet resigns

La Paz (Reuters) - The entire cabinet of Bolivian President Hernan Siles Zuazo's left-wing government resigned yesterday after the resignations of five other ministers in recent weeks.

Skipper jailed

Kalmar, Sweden (AFP) - The skipper of a Polish pleasure boat was sentenced to two months in prison here for forcibly trying to prevent one of his crew from escaping to Sweden.

100,000 victims

Dhaka (Reuters) - At least 100,000 people have been left homeless by heavy flooding in southern Bangladesh this week, officials said yesterday.

On one hand...

Santiago (Reuters) - President Pinochet has ordered an investigation of what legal provisions would be needed to allow democracy to be restored to Chile, but he reiterated that such laws would not take effect until 1989.

In disgrace

Herr Frank Schwalbe-Heth, the Greens Party member who threw a bottle of his own blood at an American general addressing Hesse state parliament on Thursday, a day after his protest for which West Germany has officially apologized.

Africa's biggest democracy votes today

Lagos (Reuters) - Up to 65 million people in Nigeria, black Africa's biggest and wealthiest nation, vote today in a crucial test of its four-year-old democracy.

The authorities have imposed tight security, with police leave cancelled and the Army on alert. Over the last two days, as the six candidates took a break after several months of campaigning, police have been making shows of force to emphasize their readiness to act.

Wide publicity has been given to police plans to control voters and political and religious leaders have been pleading for calm. So far the appeals and the security operation, likely to be the biggest in Nigeria since the end of the civil war in 1970, seem to be working.

Party and Chief Obafemi Awolowo of the Unity Party, who lost by a narrow margin in army-supervised polls in 1979, when the military handed over power to civilians.

Iran claims capture of key mountain

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday it had captured a mountain in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, where battles have raged since Iranian troops launched an offensive on July 23.

Greeks free British ship

The 334-ton British cargo ship Ivy B, detained in Piraeus for more than five weeks for failing to obtain advance clearance for an arms consignment in her cargo, was allowed to sail last night.

Iraq hopes poll will relax Kurds

High in the serrated peaks of Kurdistan, thousands of Kurds voted yesterday in regional elections aimed at defusing the fervent nationalism that has troubled the central government in Baghdad for so long.

All at sea

Frederikshavn (AP) - A white whale which strayed into a Danish fjord in May swam back to the open sea yesterday - then got caught in a salmon net.

Troops held

Kampala (Reuters) - Hundreds of armed off-duty soldiers have been arrested for loitering in Kampala. The arrest follows reports of robberies and murders by men in uniform.

Rail tragedy

Tokyo (AP) - A bullet train travelling at 125mph struck and killed a 10-year-old girl on Thursday night. It was the first fatal accident involving a bullet train.

Cheese champ

Camembert, France (AP) - Michel Beaufils gulped down eight Camemberts in 15 minutes yesterday breaking his own world record. The eight annual Camembert-eating contest attracted 5,000 people.

America trebles Somalia war games forces

About 2,800 American servicemen will take part in joint military training exercises with Somalia starting later this month, the Pentagon announced here. This is about three times as many as in last year's manoeuvres.

The Somalia exercise is one of several in which US forces are taking part this month in East Africa and South-west Asia.

Money and guile lure the Tamil Tigers

People's Liberation Army of Tamil Eelam has been broken up by the capture of its leaders, but the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have taken over the active role in its place.

Army hunts Sri Lankan terrorists

The soldiers are of course accused of brutality and violence. Colonel Silva shakes his head wearily at the accusation.

Iran claims capture of key mountain

Iran's president, Ali Khamenei, announced the capture of the 8,000ft Kordman mountain during a sermon to thousands of worshippers at a weekly prayer ceremony in Tehran.

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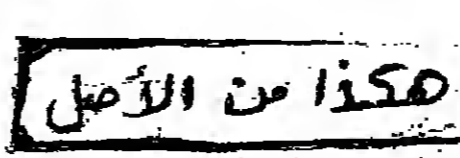
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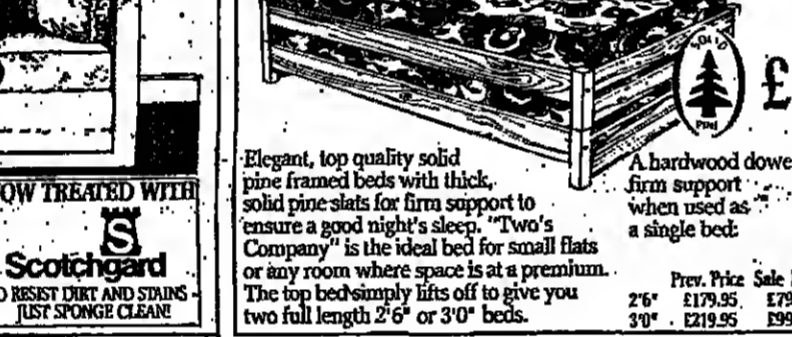
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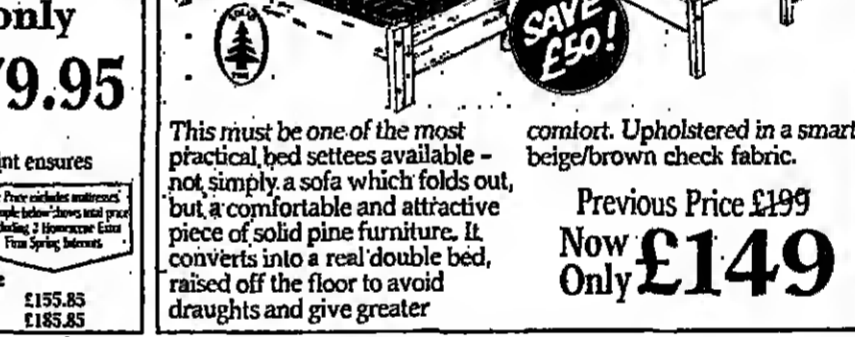
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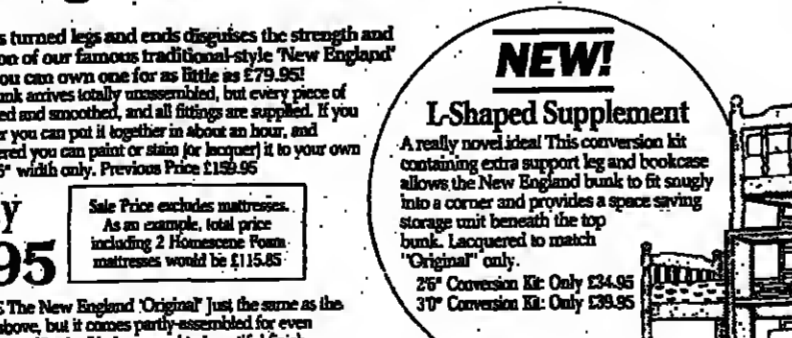
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The refusal of the big City institutions to be panicked into selling...

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

City refuses to panic

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Contango Day, Aug 15. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

Mr Brian Wolfson, the ex-Gannett director, now in control of Anglo-Nordic...

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Among the composite investors Commercial Union wiped out an earlier fall to close unchanged at 155p...

Shares of Legal & General, the life insurance group, slipped 4p to 46p yesterday as a large seller of more than 100,000 shares appeared on the scene...

Scottish Northern Investment Trust has reduced its stake in Energy Finance and General Trust, unchanged at 44p...

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TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shana Crawford Poole

Sightseeing London between the jams

The coach tourist's London has no Covent Garden, no Leicester Square... The tour takes approximately two hours.

special - the Evan Evans City tour... The tour routes were all chosen for accessibility rather than interest.

life snippets (If you want to pay £500-600 for a suit, Sackville Street is where you want to go)...



FRAMES, A LOOK AT LONDON - PANORAMIC TOUR... The finished entry, fascinating though it is, does not always convince that all the designers had children to mind.

EVAN EVANS, AFTERNOON TOUR OF CITY OF LONDON... The coach was 20 minutes late, but the last word in luxury and the only one to have either air-conditioning or tinted windows.

CITYRAMA, LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR... Our guide for the Cityrama tour was a pre-recorded tape in a choice of eight languages.

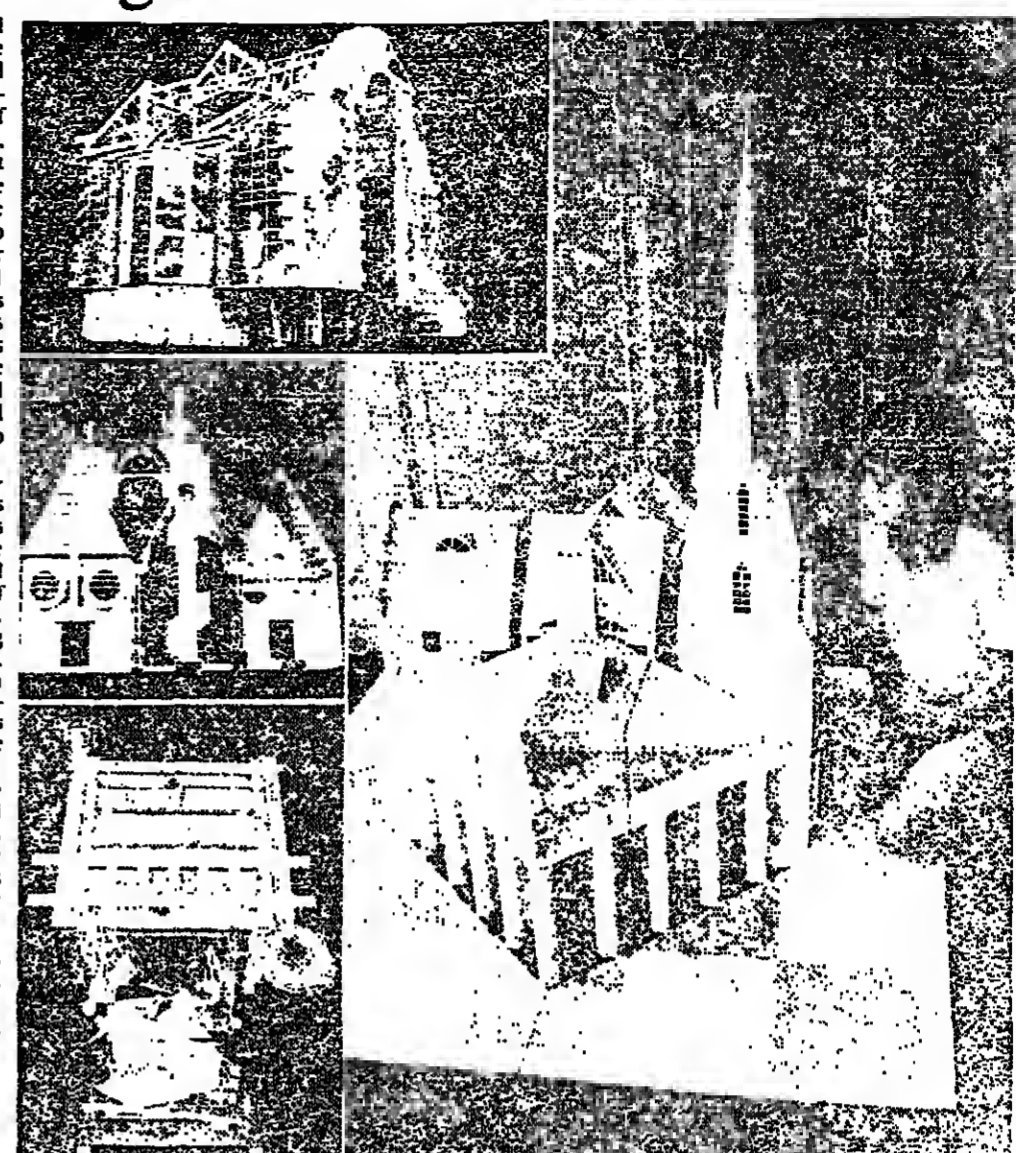
Flights of fancy... New types of aircraft with improved performance in difficult terrain are making remote parts of Switzerland steadily more accessible to the traveller from Britain.

Campfire comfort on bull-moose trail... My idea of roughing it is slow motor service in a five-star hotel. Thus, if anyone had told me that the best vacation I would ever spend would be on the back of an enormous, ornery horse thousands of feet up in the Bear Tooth mountains of Yellowstone National Park...

COLLECTING

Grand designs for a miniature world

Faced with the not unusual problem of finding a suitable dolls' house for his small daughter, Alexandra, Dr Andreas Papadakis, Editor of Architectural Design magazine, tried the toyshop and did not like what he saw.

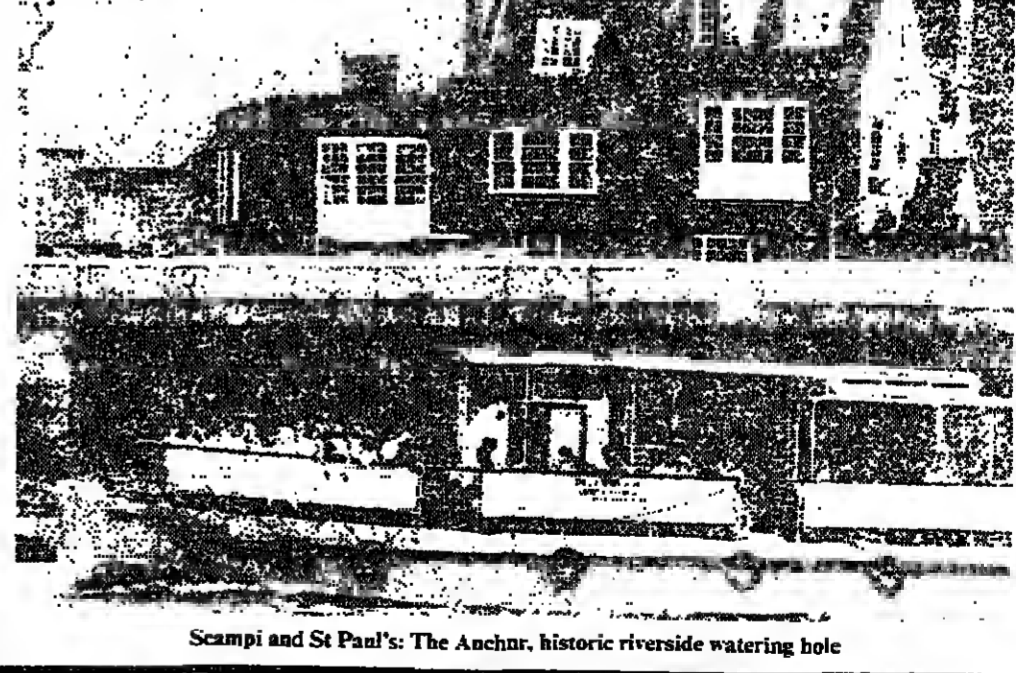


Small is beautiful: Dolls' houses by Thomas Nugent (right); (left, top to bottom) Maija Ambrus; Adrian Grigorou and Luminata Creanga; and Jane Blyth

The finished entry, fascinating though it is, does not always convince that all the designers had children to mind... During the Victorian period, dolls' houses assumed an even more domestic aspect.

Eating out... In keeping with this week's nautical themes, we report on two London venues with river-side aspects, a surprisingly elusive facility in our capital city.

Granby's Restaurant... The Anchor, historic riverside watering hole... Equally predictable is the Anchor's allegiance to one of those catering chains who specialise in taking over historic English buildings...



Scampi and St Paul's: The Anchor, historic riverside watering hole

FESTIVALS

Opera first for Rattle... For his third and final year as artistic director of the South Bank Summer Music Festival, which runs from August 14 to 28, Simon Rattle is concentrating on Janacek and Sibelius...

include Eileen Hadden, Felicity Palmer and Dennis Bailey... Running concurrently is a Folk Festival, which brings together leading singers and instrumentalists.

MUSIC AT OXFORD... Postcard bookings: Bush House, Merewood Avenue, Headington, Oxford, until Aug 28.

LEEDS FOLK FESTIVAL... The singer and songwriter John Martyn tops the bill on Saturday afternoon and among other artists taking part in 10 concerts in the grounds of Temple Newsam House are Paul Brady, Country Joe McDonald, Neil Innes and George Fame and the Blue Flames.

Advertisements for TJAERBERG and Falcon flights, including flight schedules and contact information.

Advertisement for Loire on a bicycle, offering guided tours through the Loire Valley.

Advertisement for Scampi restaurant, featuring fish and seafood dishes.

Advertisement for The Anchor restaurant, a historic riverside watering hole.

VALUES

Peter Milne with the first of a two-part series on high-tech trends in yachting

Cybernetics take the helm by storm

1983 is an Admiral's Cup year and the year 100 of yet another series of challenges by the ever-hopeful to wrest the America's Cup from the clutches of the Americans...

The current gargantuan tussle for the Aud Mug - as the America's Cup was referred to by T. O. M. Sopwith, who challenged unsuccessfully during the 1930s - is fought on the designers' drawing boards...

Until a few years ago, both the racing yachtsman and the cruising enthusiast had to rely on little more than eye and hand to get the best out of his vessel...

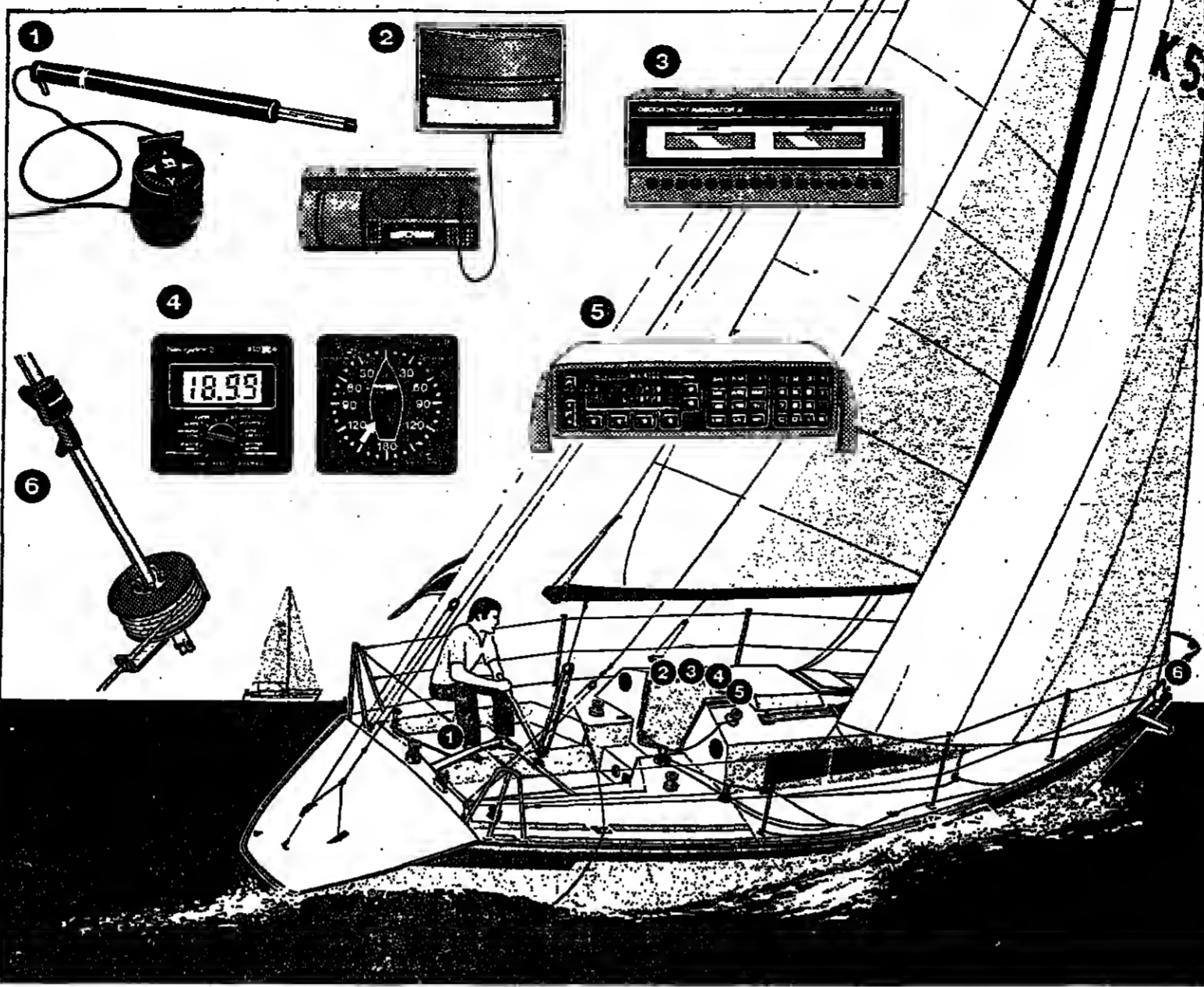
Glassfibre is now considered an almost "traditional" material for building yachts, yet laminating specifications and sub-structure design continue to be modified and improved...

More and more use is being made of hydraulics where carefully controlled adjustments have to be made to the rigging while it is under load...

winches and the anchor windlasses and take care of the steering. Sheet and control line handling winches have improved immensely during the past four years...

It is the sails which provide the motive power, and here the search for improvement is never-ending. The cloth manufacturers experiment constantly and advertise newly developed materials for which they claim improved stability or finish...

While the racing crew are always looking for something that will give their yacht an edge over the opposition, the cruising enthusiast sets considerable store by convenience. Furling headsails, which can just be rolled up like a window blind when not required, have been with us for many years...



The steady advance in the design and construction of the modern yacht is moving fast enough, yet it seems but a snail's pace compared with what amounts to an explosion in the field of marine electronics...

Chips with everything is the order of the day and this has provided an Aladdin's cave of navigational aids and safety and communications equipment...

provides such basic information as distance run and speed through the water, wind speed and direction relative to the yacht and the depth of water under the keel...

Automatic pilot

The short-handed or family yachtsman would probably agree that one of the most useful items to become available is the autopilot, which allows the yacht to sail a predetermined course...

of the drudgery uncomplainingly and let the crew - albeit keeping a good lookout - attend to other matters. Nautech of Portsmouth produce their Autohelm range of self-steering equipment...

Hand-held detector

Relatively few small yachts carry radar (although Mars Marine of Slough have now launched one suitable for sailing yachts of 30ft or less)...

Position plotter

The latest arrival on the position-fixing scene is the Decca Yacht Navigator II by Royal-Decca of New Malden. Costing just over £1,500, this is a highly accurate navigational aid for yachts sailing in north European waters...

Guiding chips

Stowe Marine Equipment of Rowlands Castle make their Navigator 2 which at £171 is well within the pocket of most yachtsmen. Brookes & Gatehouse of Lymington also have a full range of high-quality instrumentation which can be interfaced with an on-board computer...

Tuning into satellites

Great strides are being made in the field of satellite navigation. Properly used, this equipment is capable of fixing a yacht's position to within a couple of hundred metres. Where highly sophisticated equipment is required, the Magnavox MX 1262 supplied by S. G. Brown of Watford might well fill the bill...

Instant furling

Rotary headless furling gear is produced by Rotomarine of Chichester. Prices start at £160, but the most sophisticated equipment for large ocean-cruisers will cost up to £1,200. The author is Technical Editor of Yachting World.



English, Portuguese and Dutch "oriental" at Harrods

East is east and west is west and the twin meet today in Harrods central hall. In the annual exhibition of china and glass the most interesting displays are of English and European porcelain which reflect such a preoccupation with oriental design that they amount to a centuries-old love affair...

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who make cachepots, dishes, vases, coffee cup sets, all decorated with typically Chinese flower and bird motifs. The cachepot illustrated costs £202.50. The second group of china with the white and blue design is reproduced in the 1920s by Spode from a Georgian silver design...

shown is £118. The third group is of china by Coalport, Royal Crown Derby and Spode and among these are two pieces commissioned by Harrods for the exhibition. The shapes have been based on designs from Spode's archives...

Chinese porcelain and topped with a gilded dog. There are 25 of these and each costs £96. Western design is represented, too, and for those interested in glass there is a selection of familiar names - Lalique, Baccarat and Orrefors...

Advertisement for Beryl Downing featuring images of glassware and text: 'To preserve a taste of summer, jars with coloured spring clips cost £1.25 a half-litre, £1.35 one litre. Rumtopf jar £2.35. All at John Lewis'

IN THE GARDEN

Wider variety of bulbs can bring longer-lasting colour

Without gardens are now full of midsummer colour. It is time to start planning for next spring's bulb display. It is advisable to order early so one does not have to settle for second best. However, continue to maintain beds and borders by staking frequently and dead-heading plants to cut back on seed growth...

- Make sure bulbs are plump and not wrinkled or shrivelled. ● After buying, store carefully in a cool place until planting. ● Push your thumb well into the base of the bulb to ensure that it is firm and healthy; it is out always possible to discover this just by looking. I will discuss the above-mentioned bulbs in more detail in a subsequent article...

colour. A cowanii is a pure white, A albopilosum is 2ft and outstanding when its blue flowers feature in a clump. Alliums flower from mid May until about the end of July. More spring colour can be found in the eremurus, commonly known as the foxtail lily or desert candle. Bought as a dry root, this plant will flourish in a normal garden soil in a good open site, but does not favour dry conditions...



Border beauty: (from left) erythronium revolutum, eremurus robustus, allium giganteum

orange red. Under good conditions they will grow to 3ft and flower in April-May. Erythroniums could take their place in any garden. They need a well-drained site and a little shade. E dens-canis or Dog's-tooth Violet is easy to establish in most gardens. It is pinky-purple when in flower and has a mottled leaf. E revolutum, White Beauty, with its white flowers and marked foliage, is a plant show off. E tuolumnense with attractive deep-yellow flowers is also worth finding...

astivum comes out in May and June. L vernum reaches 6in and L aestivum 15in. These bulbs, which should never be allowed to dry out, will provide a good border display with their white nodding flowers showing up under the shade of shrubs. Prices for all these bulbs vary considerably - fritillaries can be at least £2 each; eremurus will cost more and erythroniums are about £1 each, as are alliums...

Although the snowflakes are closely related to Galanthus, the snowdrops, they are different plants. Leicopium vernum flowers in February about the same time as the snowdrops, while L. aestivum comes out in May and June. L vernum reaches 6in and L aestivum 15in. These bulbs, which should never be allowed to dry out, will provide a good border display with their white nodding flowers showing up under the shade of shrubs...

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Earlier this year, in the course of an otherwise savagely critical article on the Chelsea Flower Show, Sir Roy Strong, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, singled out for praise the garden sculpture of Simon Verity and what he saw as the revival of a dead art through a modern idiom. Rosemary Verity, creator of the garden at Barnsley House in Gloucestershire, responded by importing three works by Verity and allowing him use of her orchard as a showcase. Such action is symptomatic of Rosemary Verity's approach to garden design; she picks the best from each century and weaves each element into her wonderful eclectic garden...

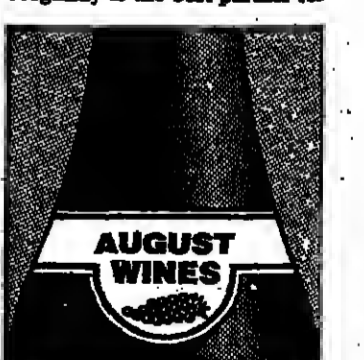
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DRINK Keeping a clear head with a white and soda

If ever there was a month that cried out for gallons of cool, white, gulping wine, one might expect August, our traditional holiday month, to be it (though after the hottest July for more than 300 years, we should not set our hopes too high). While others are drinking endless jugs of iced tea and coffee, smart wine-bibbers know that it is perfectly possible to drink wine all day long and still remain sober, if you cut every glass of house wine with equal quantities of soda water and lots of ice cubes. What little alcohol does get through will give you a lift, when everyone else is getting hot and bothered...

Germany, because of its northerly climate, is another good source of wines which are low in alcohol. The Mosels, in particular, rarely go above 9° Oechsle, have always had one of the best ranges of German wines in the High Street, and I was very impressed recently with the refreshing, green, mouthwatering character of their '83 Reiler vom Heissen Stein Kabinett from Drathen. It ought to go down well with everyone (£2.69). Of course, August is by no means a month for white wines only. The glorious twelfth brings the first of the new season's grilles, and those lucky enough to be eating this bird in August will want some good red wine to go with it. I think burgundy is the best partner for



grape, and one of the cheapest and most agreeable red burgundies around is Louis Jadot's '78 Bourgogne Rouge. Reserve des Jacobins, which has had its price dramatically reduced. This plummy, pale garnet wine is a classic Pinot Noir and has a lovely rich, warm, almost liquorice-like taste that you could easily pay twice the price for (Oodhins, £3.79; Cellars, £3.50; The Market and Le Provencal shops, £3.75). Alternatively, if you prefer a less gassy wine with game, you might like to try a new Vin de Pays de l'Aude that I tried the other day. This is the '81 Fozcaien, made from the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, which has a lovely grassy smell, deep purple colour and fresh ripe taste. (Waitrose £2.15, La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 £2.55).

Jane MacQuitty

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Advertisement for Free - Ron Bloom's Bulb Book, featuring text: '64 pages, colourfully illustrated with superb photographs. It's absolutely free from Ron Bloom, 33 Elmwood Road, Weybridge, Surrey, TW20 2JG'

Cyclamen One of the most popular house plants is the cyclamen, which is not expensive to buy and, as long as it is given the right conditions, will be as good, if not better, for a number of years. Now is the time to look at the cyclamen which have been dried off in the greenhouse. They should have been turned on their sides and by now will be quite dry. Gently remove the dry dead foliage attached to the crown of the corm. Knock out the pot, and make sure there is no sign of rot. Gently ease the soil away from the root of the plant, making sure you do not damage them. You should be left with a corm with dry roots attached ready for re-potting. Use any of the soilless composts. ICI are introducing a new soilless compost later this year to be called Verdley Soil and Potting Compost. Select the smallest available pot which will take the corm and roots without cramping. This is usually the same size as before. Do not double the roots back up the pot, but it is permissible to cut them round the bottom of the pot. Water the pot and place in a shady frame or greenhouse. Keep humid and ventilate lightly. Syringe the corm daily to induce growth. Pots should flower about Christmas or early in the New Year.



Design showcase: Barnsley House near Cirencester

Greenhouses As I mentioned last week, greenhouse temperatures are difficult to control when the temperature outside is in the 70s or 80s. During the day, get as much ventilation as possible: open the vents, open the doors, take out one or two panes of glass to get a better through draught. Damp down in the house whenever possible. Shade is also important. I do not like the shades which are applied to the outside of the glass. Better to cover young plants with sheets of paper during the day when the sun is out, and take off at night. Muslin overhead is also good. Now we are into August, plants such as Chorophytum and a few of the ferns can be divided. The young plants are potted up into 3in pots and will grow away happily. Continue to feed where necessary plants which still have to make growth, for example, primulae of different kinds, Sow Primula obconica, schizanthus and cyclamen for later flowering. Tomatoes, cucumbers and so on still require feeding.

Handwritten Arabic text: 'سكوا من الأصل'

REVIEW Rock & jazz records of the month

Pub rock's revenge, soul's salvation, a fresh memory of Knebworth's rolling meadow

Second harvest from the Seventies

Now that David Bowie's world tour has taken him out of our sight, the British pop summer resumes a more languid course...

Elvis Costello: Punch the Clock (F-Best) (XCLP 18) Paul Young: No Parlez (CBS 25621) Aretha Franklin: Get It Right (Arista 205644) Gwen Guthrie: Portrait (Island LP 9758) Stevie Ray Vaughan: Texas Flood (Epic EPC 25534)

and enjoying an Eighties' blood transfusion are advised to turn to the American market for proof...

As usual her album sounds as good in the clubs as at home. Gwen Guthrie's second solo album, Portrait, reveals the importance of an American soul-scented background...

While Sly and Robbie give her the bubbling rhythms and trademark beat that make all their work instantly recognizable...



Lively line-up: Elvis Costello with clockwise from top right, Steve Ray Vaughan, Gwen Guthrie, Paul Young, Gerry Mulligan, Art Blakey, Aretha Franklin, Carla Bley, Wynton Marsalis

Max Bell

The undisputed queen of soul, and an unfamiliar star on the rise

You Love Me Like That" as she is with some finely judged, emotional cover versions...

Graceful and genial, yet true to the roots



Just about the freshest sound of last summer was provided in the Roman amphitheatre of Nice and on the rolling meadow of Knebworth by the Gerry Mulligan orchestra...

making Little Big Horn will do nicely until someone makes the complete Knebworth performance available on record.

Monk. This band's trademark is the combination of Abdul Wadud's cello and Bob Stewart's tuba with Kelvin Bell's eccentrically pointed guitar style...

Charles Fambrough. Recorded live, it is an apt memento for those with happy memories of torrid nights at Ronnie Scott's.

here - Charlie Haden, who takes Ron Carter's place as the group's bassist.

ventures such as the orchestral compositions of Chico Freeman and Craig Harris clearly suffered from lack of conceptual focus...

Richard Williams

PREVIEW Theatre

Oedipal Indian myth with song and dance

Among the British premieres packing next week's London International Festival of Theatre (LIPT '83) there is one which returns to the Naya Theatre Company from India...



Tragic chorus: Fida Bai (left) and Mala Bai in Naya's Theatre's Bahadur Kalarin

ambivalence, more compassion, and more interesting. Overwhelmed with mother-love from birth, was he really so much to blame?

to further the story" - was a major influence.

lecture-demonstration on August 14, followed by a morning workshop on August 19 that will give participants a chance to work on improvisation with the company.

Critics' choice

AS YOU LIKE IT Open Air, Regent's Park (485 2431) Aug 8 and 9 at 7.45pm. In repertory...

experience since death. Very variable, but the best bits are porphyric funny, and Ustinov himself, as the fiery, outrageously mischievous composer, gives the sort of performance for which one would sit through a great deal.

MR GINDERS Fortune (836 2238) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.45pm; matinee Thurs at 3pm

THE RIVALS Oliver (828 2252) Aug 12 at 7.45pm. In repertory Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan fulfils the promise of its cast list.

Out of Town

FOURNMOUTH: Pavilion (0202 25861/296911), Hi-de-Hi! by David Croft and Jimmy Perrin. Mon-Sat at 8.10pm and 8.40pm

PREVIEW Galleries

When Francis Kyle was planning his summer show - Hide and Seek - he insisted that each contributing artist see the film The Draughtsman's Contract...



Magic gardens: Michael Bishop's The Secret Game

Contract for nine artists

Each of the nine artists has responded to Kyle's challenge differently and each in his own way has attempted to convey the enigmatic quality that Kyle felt was redolent of 'the garden theme.'

ENTERTAINMENTS

HOLIDAYS

What's new on the GLC South Bank?

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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NATIONAL TOWN CRIERS CHAMPIONSHIP: Since the Queen's Silver Jubilee several towns have revived the office of town crier and for this year's national championship there is a record entry of 40.

CITY REELS: Starting today and for the next three Saturdays, rain or shine, spectators are invited to watch or join in - open air Scottish dancing in Paternoster Square.

A CAGE FOR THE SUN: A documentary report on the 30-year quest to unlock power from fusion - releasing energy from atoms by fusing them instead of splitting them.

COV FESTIVAL 83: Eight days of shows at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, including today an "E" Tea Party in Belgrade Square and the Lord Mayor's Gal.

MADAM MAIN COURSE: New comedy by Peter Terson about a forceful lady who runs a catering service for tired executives and their wives when they want to entertain important clients.

THIRTY YEARS OF THOROUGHBREDS: Exhibition to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the introduction of two famous British sports cars, the Austin Healey and the Triumph TR.

Tomorrow

RIDING HORSE PARADE: Annual competition for weekend horse riders of all ages and abilities, first held in 1938 and re-established in 1965.

GERMAN GRAND PRIX: The question, as so often during the 1983 Formula One Season, is: who can beat the turbo?



Wonder how her engine feels...Baby driver Catherine Jeanes of Bromley (above) and (left) an under-the-bonnet admirer at the motor museum, Syon Park (see Today)

over 45 laps of the Hockenheim circuit. After his win at Silverstone Alain Prost leads the drivers' table with 39 points.

WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: The first event of its kind, and with more than 120 countries taking part, promises to be the biggest athletics competition ever.

PAUL KLEE: Selection of 60 paintings, watercolours and prints from the collection of his son, Felix.

CHILD OF JOY: The Gloucestershire poet and composer, Ivor Gurney, died in Dartford Asylum in 1937 at the age of 47.

ERIC ROHMER: A Sunday season of five films by the French cinema's principal analyst of morals and social behaviour.

LIFT: Second coming for the biennial London International Festival of Theatre.

COSTUMES AND TEXTILES: End of season sale of evening clothes, lace, patchwork quilts, haircombs and samplers.

Italian, each play in turn for four consecutive nights (no performance on Aug 15) at 7.30pm, until Aug 21.

A PATRIOT FOR ME: The Chichester Festival Theatre production transfers to the West End for a 10-week season.

MANCINI IN LONDON: The prolific Hollywood composer, Henry Mancini, conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in four concertos of mainly firm music.

BAHADUR KALARI: Production by the Nays Theatre of India (see page 5).

ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM: Transfer from The Other Place, Stratford-on-Avon, for this anonymous but much-tributed sixteenth-century play.

SOUTH PACIFIC: Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II's musical is one of the most popular ever.

33211: Until October 9, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm.

THE SHIPS SAIL IN: The finish of the Fastnet Yacht Race provides the usual spectacular scenes at Plymouth Sound.

MACBETH: Transfer from Stratford-on-Avon for a well-received production.

COMIC ROOTS: First of a new series which looks at the early lives of comedians.

VULCAN WITH A SPANNER: A light-hearted, but historically authentic, picture of the early days of motoring.

I WANT: Premiere of new play by Neil Quinn and Adrian Hinn, directed by Bill Morris.

FILM BUFF OF THE YEAR: The television quiz reaches the final tonight when the contestants will be parading their knowledge on such topics as French films of the 1960s.

Thursday

THIRD TEST MATCH: England meet New Zealand at Lord's with the four-match series all square after New Zealand's emphatic win.

BUSTER KEATON SEASON: For the rest of August, the Barbican Cinema presents nine features and 15 shorts by one of the few silent clowns to refresh the intrinsic properties of cinema.

HEAVEN'S GATE: First full-length showing of Michael Cimino's controversial Western (see page 7).

QUERELLE: Fassbinder's last film (see page 7).

CRAFTSMEN'S TOOLS: The revival in interest in traditional crafts has led to a vogue for collecting nineteenth century tools of a type no longer made.

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THIRD TEST MATCH: England meet New Zealand at Lord's with the four-match series all square after New Zealand's emphatic win.

BUSTER KEATON SEASON: For the rest of August, the Barbican Cinema presents nine features and 15 shorts by one of the few silent clowns to refresh the intrinsic properties of cinema.

HEAVEN'S GATE: First full-length showing of Michael Cimino's controversial Western (see page 7).

QUERELLE: Fassbinder's last film (see page 7).

CRAFTSMEN'S TOOLS: The revival in interest in traditional crafts has led to a vogue for collecting nineteenth century tools of a type no longer made.

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Family Life

Short-lived mutiny of a galley slave

There will be one less spectator at the St Mawgan airshow this year. As the Meteors and Vampires sweep over the coast I shall not be perched - as I have been for the past four years - on a windswept tussock, admiring the view.

and wet bath towels in situ. I gather them up because like most naturally untidy people I cannot bear other people's mess. And I have a deep-rooted conviction that mould would grow to penicillin proportions if I didn't. Also, if I'm honest, buried deep inside me is an accumulation of whimsical adages of the "you're only young once/let them loiter while they can" variety.

not dissemble, a touch of the Polish grandmaster, Simon Winawer, by beating the German master, J. Schwarz, in the last round of the third international tournament of the German Chess Federation at Nuremberg.

Conspiratorial glances were exchanged as they brought me, huddles and ice and insisted I lay on the roof watching the sky. No prizes for guessing where the galley slave will be in a week's time.

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Outings

FAMILY FESTIVAL Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (838 8891) and Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2. Today-August 21



Sound sculpture: Musical instrument at the Barbican

Tomorrow, from noon, Adults £2.75, children £1.50. Full costumed re-enactment of a fifteenth-century journey, plus exhibitions and demonstrations of woodturning, com-dolly making, leathercraft and sculpture.

TATE TOURS Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313), Aug 9-25, Tues and Thurs 11 am, free

RAF ST MAWGAN 11th INTERNATIONAL AIR DAY RAF St Mawgan, Newquay, Cornwall, Wed, 5am-6pm. Car and occupants £5, pedestrians 50p

SHOWS Grand Festival of Punch and Judy, Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, London SW19 (543 4888), Tues-Fri at 11 am and 2.30 pm, Aug 13 at 11 am and 5 pm.

MONSTER LEGO SHOW Brighton Centre, Brighton, Sussex, Aug 12-30, Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat and Sun, 10am-6pm. Adults 40p, children 25p

North-South game. Dealer South.

W E S NT Double No No No No

discarded a diamond. Deciding to settle for a small peccy, he drove out my ♠K and emerged with seven tricks. Upstairs, the Gardener-Pencharz partnership were defeated by two tricks in four spades doubled, giving a total swag of 800, or 13 IMPs, to the BBC.

It was time for the delicious salmon mayonnaise and refreshing white burgundy, accompanied by an animated technique required to make bridge "television".

was declared void, so the result had to rest on the first half. Bad luck on Channel 4? Bazalgette had no doubts.

Anyone who doubts the influence of television may be converted by this story, which I am assured is true. One day a stranger arrived at a bridge club and asked if he might play. "I haven't played before," he admitted modestly.

Bridge

Wily tricks of a channel crossing

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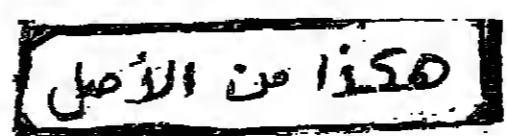
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Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 723.0 down 0.6 FT Gilt: 79.03 down 0.16 FT All Share: 450.87 down 2.11

Bargains: 20,026 Datastream USM Leaders Index 97.67 up 0.22 New York Dow Jones Average (latest) 1181.19 down 1.90

Frankfurt Commerzbank Index 94.20 down 12.5 Brussels General Index 132.04 down 0.86 Paris CAC Index 131.4 down 0.5 Zurich SKA General 294.9 down 0.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.4855 down 20pts Index 84.3 up 0.3 DM 3.9875 up 0.0125 FF 12.00 up 0.0550 Yen 362.50 unchanged Dollar Index 129.0 up 0.8 DM 2.6810

NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4890 INTERNATIONAL ECUS 57.1595 SDR 20.706884

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9 1/2% Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 8 1/2% 3 month interbank 9 1/2% 9 1/2%

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$409 pm \$409.75 close \$410.75-411.50 (\$276.5-277) down \$2.25 New York latest: \$409.75 Kruggerand (per coin): \$423-424.50 (\$284.50-285.50) Sovereigns (new): \$96-97 (\$64.50-65.25) *Excludes VAT

NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounced up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Longton Industrial Holdings Year to 31.3.83. Pretax loss £185,000 (loss £136,000). Stated loss 4.5p (3.6p). Turnover £37,000,000. Net final dividend 1p (same).

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated the independence it won from IIT last year by revealing yesterday that interim pretax profits leapt to £42.4m from £26.4m.



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing twice as fast this year as sales to the world as a whole.

At £401m in the first five months, they are 16 per cent up on the same period in 1982, against a global increase of 7 per cent.

Table: What Britain sells and buys from the Soviet Union (1982). UK exports: Industrial machinery 69, Textiles yarns and fibres 42, Power equipment 37, Chemicals 29, Iron and steel 19, Office machinery 15. Total £356m.

Big profits recovery for McLeod

McLeod Russell, the plantations company, yesterday announced a big recovery in profits.

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal

Brookes is poised for Piccadilly. Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant-owning group, is poised to win the catering rights for the Trocadero development in London's Piccadilly Circus.

International Signal buoyant

First-quarter results of International Signal and Control Group are ahead of budget, yet most of the financial year's profits will be made in the second half, it was said at yesterday's annual meeting.

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City Editor's Comment The long, hard road to Wytch Farm

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Phoenix trims losses

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago.

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Markets abroad

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Varsity premiums

Investing Unit trusts soar in Australia

It was stock markets on the other side of the world which put up the best performance last month. The Australian Metals & Minerals index ended July 11.3 per cent higher, slightly ahead of the rise recorded by the All Ordinary Index.

Leading the contingent was Lawson Australian and Pacific with a rise of 18.3 per cent, some 2 per cent ahead of Gartmore Australian, which had previously been one of the back markers in this year's overall league table.

Much of the recent rise in Australian share prices has been attributed to renewed overseas interest in the stock market there. Investors are anticipating that the world economic recovery will mean increased demand for the country's natural resources.

Still overhauling the Australian metals and minerals sector is the prospect of the new Labour Government's proposed resources tax.

Buckmaster & Moore, stock-brokers, have warned their private clients against underestimating what the administration may have in mind. While the Labour Government of Mr Hawke is demonstrating a much more pragmatic approach in business than was the case in Gough Whitlam's day, the administration, mindful of the yawning budget deficit, will want to exact its pound of flesh.

Another market to put up a strong performance last month was Hongkong's. The Hang Seng index notched up an 11.2 per cent gain on bullish expectations of the outcome of the recent talks between the British and Chinese governments on the political future of the colony. A cut in local interest rates also helped sentiment. Britannia Hong Kong Performance mirrored this renewed optimism with an 11.6 per cent offer price rise, and Gartmore Hong Kong was 11 per cent higher.

Closer to home, Wall Street recorded a new peak last month.

Although Wall Street did not hold its best levels, several US invested funds managed some useful gains helped by the continuing strong performance of the dollar. Lyndall North American outpaced its rivals in July with a 9.9 per cent increase.

Present value of £100 invested over 7 months to August 1

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Value. Includes Oppenheimer Intl Growth, GT European, Mercury American Grth, etc.

Source: Planned Savings Magazine

Higher threshold

The minimum balance for new investments in Leamington Spa's Lion Share account has been increased from £500 to £1,000. Interest is paid annually at a variable rate of 8.75 per cent net, equivalent to 12.5 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers.

Aiming for youth

In an attempt to woo young savers, Barclays Bank has launched a Super Savers account. When savers open an account with £1 they receive a money manager pack containing membership card, pens, note-pad, ruler, record book, etc.

High interest share

Argyle Building Society has issued a new high interest income share offering 1.5 per cent above the society's normal investment share rate.

equipment to 13 per cent gross for a basic rate taxpayer and is paid on the last working day of each month direct into the investor's bank account. Minimum withdrawals of £500 can be made with no loss of interest subject to 90 days' notice.

Claim form change

Guardian Royal Exchange has revised its motor claims form to cater for policyholders who wish to report an accident for information only.

The changes have been made as a result of representations made by The Insurance Ombudsman, who has been faced with an increasing number of complaints about insurers settling third party claims without consulting their policyholders.

Jobs abroad guide

With work difficult to find, more and more people seem to be looking overseas for the number of guides on the subject is any indication.

Employment Abroad - A Guide to the Tax Problems is a general guide to the tax difficulties which are likely to be faced by a British executive embarking on a tour of duty in a foreign country.

The booklet, written by Mr David Ross, is available from the Publications Department, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, PO Box 483, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ. It costs £2.50.

Signal action

Mr John Potter, coordinator of the Signal Life Investors Action Group which represents the interests of those unfortunate investors who lost money in the collapse of Signal Life, has been talking to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs.

Next landmark in the Signal affair is the meeting of the Committee of Inspection on Thursday at the offices of the liquidator, Mr Gerry Weiss, of Cork Gully. Mr Potter will be representing the interests of investors at the meeting.



Car repair cover

Car repair bills can be a headache - particularly since they tend to be unexpected and unbudgeted for. The Automobile Association has an interesting new insurance package which gives cover for replacement parts costing more than £75.

expenses such as routine servicing and replacement of tyres, brake pads etc are not covered. Cars eligible are those up to four years old with up to 50,000 miles on the clock.

Crown Life bond

There is a lot to be said for certainty, and guaranteed income bonds offer a fixed income over a given period. Latest available from Crown Life is a four-year bond paying 8.75 per cent net of basic rate tax.

Wealth warning

Sunderland and Shields Building Society is offering 1.75 per cent above the ordinary share rate on its new two-year term shares available from September 1.

Gift ceiling

Andiose to encourage small savers to invest in gilts, National Savings has increased the maximum daily purchase of gilts listed on the National Savings Stock Register.

Cheltenham success

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has had such a good response to its Cheltenham Gold Account, paying 8.25 per cent, no strings attached for investments of £1,000 or more, that it has been able to carry on lending - not only to existing members but also to non-members.

Insurance

Covering the student risk

Certain categories of people are considered bad risks as far as the insurance world is concerned - journalists, deep sea divers and actors are all viewed with a jaundiced eye.

As a result, students often have difficulty getting insurance cover. Barclays Bank has just come up with a new insurance package as part of its Student Survival Kit, but it looks expensive compared with the two main alternatives on the market.

The table shows cover offered by the three main contenders in this field. Barclays premium of £25.50 per annum is the highest by a long way though there is a £6 discount on the first half-yearly instalment and the premium thereafter is fixed at £25.50 for the duration of the student's course.

Endsleigh (the student insurance broker) seems to offer the best package unless you happen to live in central London, Liverpool or Manchester, when the Harrison Beaumont policy will work out slightly cheaper.

On the other hand, for £17 a year, Harrison Beaumont offers higher personal belongings cover at £1,750 than the other two and could be a better bet for the student with a lot of expensive hi-fi equipment, cameras and the like.

All three policies give cover when the student is at home during the holidays, for belongings in transit, and for foreign travel in Europe for up to 60 days a year.



Insurance for medical cover. All three policies cover loss by fire and theft and there is no need for the thief to have made a forcible entry.

Table comparing insurance policies: Endsleigh, Harrison Beaumont, Barclays. Columns include Personal belongings cover, Single item limit, Personal liability, Personal accident, Damage to college/landlord's property, Excess, Bicycle, and Premium.

*Endsleigh limit £200 unless specified. Harrison Beaumont: Items between £100 and £300 must be specified.

Poor deal for youngsters

Midland Bank is the latest to bring out a children's savings scheme - but like Barclays' plan, launched this week, the rate of interest is unattractive.

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Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank (9 1/2%), Barclays (9 1/2%), BCCI (9 1/2%), Citibank Savings (10%), etc.

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Jobs aid

Cultivating new business ventures



Plant investment: Ms McLaren, hopes to reap rewards from her nursery.

From little acorns, as they say, mighty oaks will grow. But Ms Marion McLaren of Collier Street village in Kent is hoping that the pots and plants in her new greenhouses will sprout profits when Spenny Lane Nurseries opens for business shortly, courtesy of the Government's new Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

The scheme has been run for the past year on a pilot basis in several parts of the country and went national this week. It is designed to help the unemployed set up in business on their own. Those with a place on the scheme are paid £40 a week for the first year. And Ms McLaren was one of the first at her local Jobcentre in Maidstone on Monday.

"Living out in the country, starting a nursery seemed a sensible thing to do as I have quite a bit of land attached to my house," she says. "And I could work from home, which is an advantage when you have young children. Over the past few weeks I have been busy building-up stocks of bedding plants and organizing the greenhouses in the hope that I can sign-on the scheme."

To qualify for the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, you have to fulfil a number of conditions. You must be on unemployment or supplementary benefit when you apply, and have been out of work for under 12 months. Redundancy for 13 weeks. You must show you have £1,000 to invest in the venture (this can be a bank loan), be over 18 and be prepared to work full time.

So last Monday, Ms McLaren ended up in Sevenoaks with two children in tow, being told about Value Added Tax, bookkeeping and all the other things she will have to grapple with as she starts up on her own.

The purpose of these information sessions is to explain to candidates the potential pitfalls that lie in wait for budding entrepreneurs. Later in the day Ms McLaren saw her bank manager, who agreed to a £1,000 loan.

Before being accepted on the scheme she had to attend a session (and what is expected to be a flood of other hopefuls) will have an individual session with someone from the Manpower Services Commission. She will have to show she has her £1,000 ready in a separate business bank account and she has to agree to let scheme officials inspect her books and monitor her progress during the year.

She will be entitled to a voluntary individual business counselling session after sign-on. And she can have two more free sessions during the year. "I have never known anything to do with government of bureaucracy go so smoothly," Ms McLaren said. The bad news is that there is only room for 25,000 people on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme throughout the country.

The number of places available in a particular area depends on the level of unemployment. Pilot schemes that have been running for the past year indicate that the EAS should be a real success. Mr Barry Phillips, the organizer in Ms McLaren's area, says: "The pilot scheme we had in the Maidway Towns last year had fall-out rates of between 13 and 16 per cent - much lower than the normal failure rate for new businesses. Officials do not sit in judgment on the commercial viability of a venture. It's first come, first served for those who qualify."

Certain kinds of businesses such as gambling, anything religious or political, are banned from the scheme. But a Kiss-Off Gram service qualified. Mr Phillips said: "Most of the businesses were more mundane. We had people like blacksmiths starting-up in business in the villages again and quite a lot of people with a traditional craft like furniture-making or renovation sign-on."

Anyone interested in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme should get in touch with their nearest Job centre as soon as possible. Margaret Drummond

Barclays and Midlands, you will get life cover unless you stipulate that you do not require it. This is straightforward inertia selling a practice frowned on by the Office of Fair Trading. The table shows just how much you are paying for life cover - as much as two or three pounds a month, or £36 a year. For that, a man of 30 could buy \$30,000 worth of term assurance lasting 15 years - a much better bet.

This would not cover you for the monthly repayments if you were ill and unable to work, but here again, a 30-year-old could buy a monthly permanent health benefit of more than £40 for an annual premium of £12 or £1 a month. The real cost of the life and sickness cover offered by the banks is probably not more than £1.20 a month per £1,000 or over five years at the outside estimate. The banks are charging more than double. If you want life cover, the message is clear - buy it elsewhere.

Table with 4 columns: National Westminster, Barclays, Midland, *Lloyds. Rows show monthly repayments for a personal loan of £1,000 with and without protection for terms of 2, 3, 4, and 5 years.

*Lloyds only offers loans up to three years, which automatically include cover for death. Only the Midland scheme covers unemployment.

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Table with 6 columns: Compound Growth, Widened, Japan & General, Recovery, Gold & General, American Smaller Co's. Rows show launch date, price, and estimated current yield.

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CRICKET: TOUR GOES ON AS PLANNED

West Indies accept counties' right to pick teams without interference

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

There was good news from Lord's yesterday regarding the summer's West Indian tour to England...

of the English team which played in South Africa in the spring of last year...

Africa, and at whom the selectors cast such covetous glances will still not be available...

without some financial compensation. The possibility of this was considered by the TCCB...



Cowdrey shows how MCC used to do it. Photograph by Chris Cole

In the intervening 12 months feelings round the counties have changed. English cricket, it is felt, has been punished enough...

It was a close call. That, anyway, is as it was made to appear. Having refused earlier this summer...

WEST INDIES PROGRAMME: May 21, Trent Bridge, one day international; June 4, Old Trafford, one day international...

GOLF

Course suits Sutton

Sutton: early leader

Los Angeles (Agencies) - Tom Watson, the Open champion, needs a dash of mixing the cut at the Riviera Country Club...

One of Watson's sevens came at the second hole, a par four, where he drilled a 160 yard shot...

ATHLETICS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

One rule for the poor bends ruling imposed on the rich

From David Miller, Helsinki

A lamentable comment here on Thursday by Pierre Dariaux, the technical delegate of the International Amateur Athletic Federation...

over half of the men's singles events at Wimbledon, that is because they are there on merit which is how it ought to be.

event of the year, with competitors such as Carl Lewis, Steve Carlton, Jürgen Hingsen, Evelyn Ashford, and May Decker...

Samaranch not at all alarmed

Helsinki (AP) - Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday dismissed suggestions that the world championships, starting here tomorrow...

hammer and javelin throwers, then they should all be here on the basis of an equivalent to the ATP ranking computer in tennis.

With ferociously high standard probable in both the 800 and 1,500 metres, it will be interesting to see whether the authorities are prepared to take the ultimate and only sanction of disqualification against those who gain tactical advantage by blatant use of the arms.

Mrs Smith can come of age

From Pat Butcher, Helsinki

The first world championships begin here tomorrow with a forecast of good weather, but the heat will favour Miss Mota, the winner in Athens in similar conditions last year.

Mrs Smith also has the advantage of superior to those she was recording as a 1,500 metres international runner 10 years ago.

people to beat Connor last year and he holds the United Kingdom All-Comers record on 100 metres. But Connor beat Lorrway on his home ground in Brisbane to win the Commonwealth gold medal to add to his European title.

Daunting course survives scrutiny

Capitain Mark Phillips rode his own daunting cross-country course with the minimum amount of fuss...

Ever since Captain Phillips showed off the course, the first he has designed himself, critics have been at the top of their voices...

Some of the world's best riders soon came to grips with the competition, with the American Jimmy Wofford and Horst Karsten, of Germany, sharing the lead in the

dressage and a third of the field still to go today. Still ahead these two comes the husband and wife partnership of David and Lucinda Green, who are locked in joint third place on 39 penalty points, seven more than the leaders.

FOR THE RECORD

MINOR COUNTRIES CRICKET: Pembrokeshire beat Carmarthen 242 for 5 (5 days) at Pembrokeshire...

BASEBALL: American League: Montreal Expos 2, New York Yankees 1...

BASEBALL: National League: St. Louis Cardinals 1, Philadelphia Phillies 0...

BASEBALL: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 1, Boston Orioles 4...

BASEBALL: National League: Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1...

BOWLS

Unassuming Charles in last four

By Gordon Allan

Bill Charles, an unassuming cherubic man from the Alexandria club, Portsmouth, has reached the semi-final round of the singles in his second year at the Bournemouth open tournament...

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MODERN PENTATHLON: Britain held 14th position in the team standings after the second day of the men's Modern Pentathlon Championships in Warendorf, West Germany on Thursday.

Yates hopes to repeat win today

By John Woodcock

Sean Yates and Tony Doyle, Britain's two world class professional pursuers, returned with panache to track racing at Leicester yesterday in the national championships meeting.

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CYCLING

Look-alike triumph for Elvis

From Mitchell Platts, Zandvoort

Glenn Ralph gave a striking resemblance to Elvis Presley and to be brutally honest, it is his rock star features rather than his goatee which have made him so popular...

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today CRICKET: (11.00-4.30 unless stated) TOUR MATCHES: (11.30 to 8.30) WEST INDIES: Hampshire v New Zealand...

Tomorrow CRICKET: John Player League (2.0-6.40 or 7.0) CHELSEA: Tottenham v Chelsea...

Football: Tottenham v Chelsea, Arsenal v Liverpool, Manchester United v Everton...

Other Sport: Scotland v Spain (Hullamshire, Glasgow, 2.30), Tour match: Scotland v Pakistan (Hullamshire, Glasgow, 2.30)...

FOOTBALL

Coventry assets

By Gordon Allan

Two Bristol Rovers players, Graham Wilby and Nicky Platner, signed yesterday for Coventry City. The Bristol pair cost Coventry a total fee of £3,000.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Fountain and Grotto 6.50 History of Mathematics... 1.00 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam...

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly... 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 7.10

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street... 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dikie Davies...



The Best of Laurel and Hardy, a compilation film on Channel 4, 2.45pm

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 3.35) 3.45 Film: Are You With It? (1948) starring Donald O'Connor...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.45 The Best of Laurel and Hardy A compilation film of some of the funniest scenes from the many films of the comic couple...

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Tolstoy's Anna Karenina... 9.00 Camberkirk Green... 11.55 News with Jan Leeming...

tv-am

- 7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub For the under eights... 8.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly...

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Spencer Leigh (left) and David Morrissey in One Summer (Channel 4, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 1.55) 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Film: The Painted Veil (1934) starring Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall... 4.00 Irish Gaelic Spectator...

Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.27 Quote... Unquote!

Radio 3

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.27 Quote... Unquote!

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Rameau: Hippolyte et Aricie... 8.45 Act 4 and 5 with Jennifer Smith... 11.10 News...

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- 7.30 Philip Grange: Cimmerian Natures... 8.35 Elliott Carter: Triple Duo... 11.10 News...

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.9kHz/285m; 106.9kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 121.5kHz/247m; VHF 90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/150m; VHF 92-95; LBC 115.2kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 154.8kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 145.8kHz/200m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Ulster Landscapes... CENTRAL As London except... SCOTTISH As London except...

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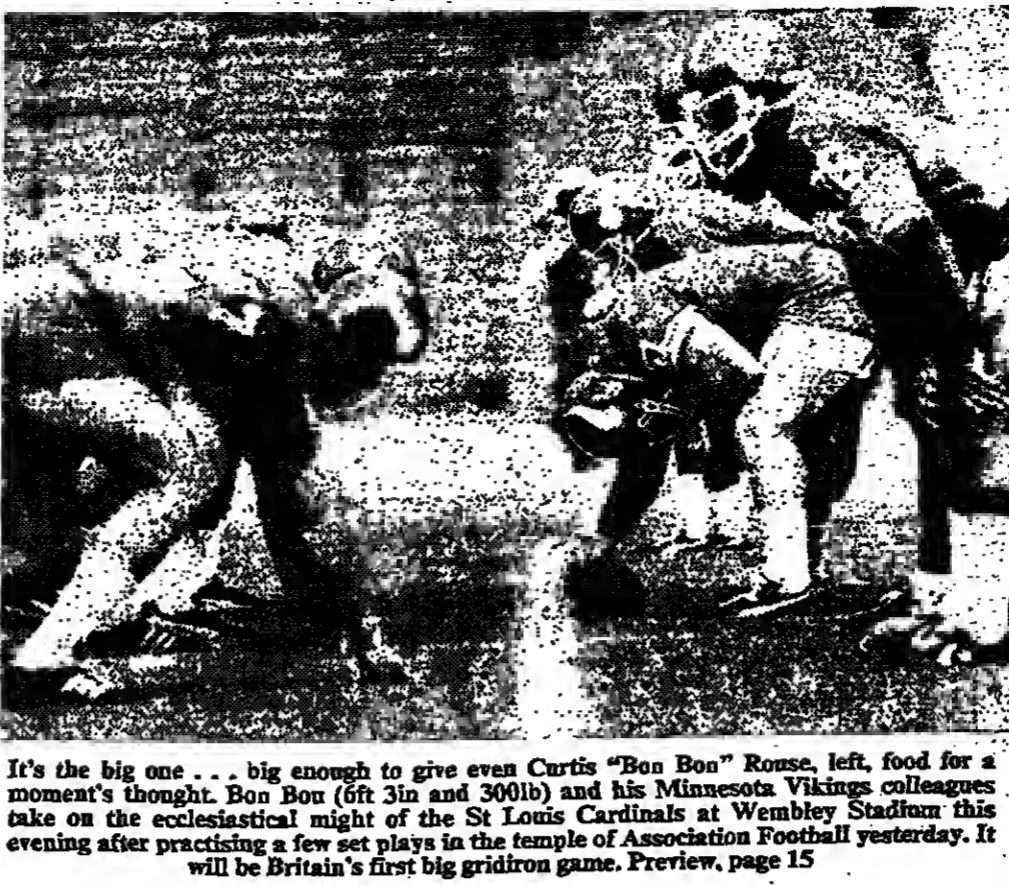
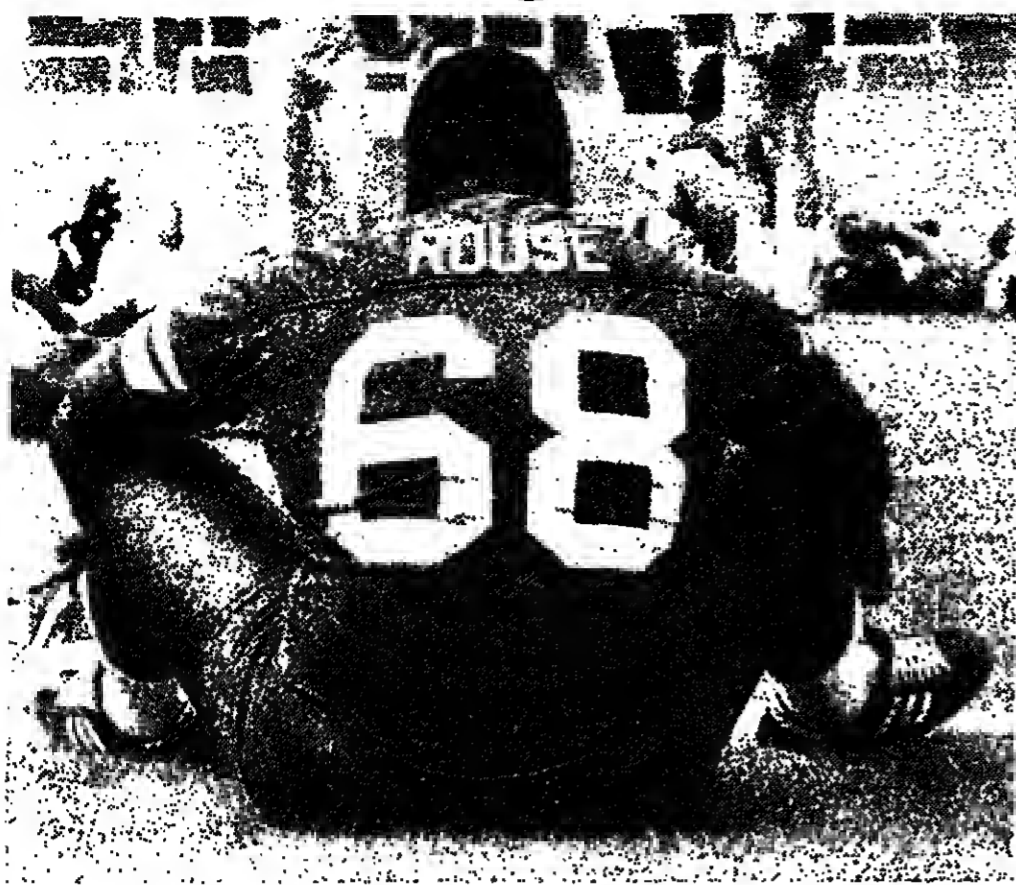
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WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. 1. Stereo. 2. Black and white. () Repeat.

Gridiron giants come to Wembley superbowl



It's the big one... big enough to give even Curtis "Bon Bon" Rousse, left, food for a moment's thought. Bon Bon (6ft 3in and 300lb) and his Minnesota Vikings colleagues take on the ecclesiastical might of the St Louis Cardinals at Wembley Stadium this evening after practising a few set plays in the temple of Association Football yesterday. It will be Britain's first big gridiron game. Preview, page 15

Seven die in hotel massacre

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

Two gangsters yesterday shot dead seven hostages after failing to break open the safe and safety deposit boxes at a luxury hotel in Avignon, southern France. The dead, three of them women, included the French Consul General in Saarbrücken, West Germany.

Police started to reconstruct the hostages' last hour of life. At about 3.30am two men walked into the lobby of the hotel near the city centre and took the receptionist, Nicole van Buren, aged 23, and a porter, René Pool, aged 28, into the ground-floor office.

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Zimbabwe restores censorship

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"Western press has its knife in Zimbabwe", was declared London and contained a number of errors and omissions. The regulations amount to serious restriction on press freedom.

Sri Lanka MPs vote to ban separatist parties

Continued from page 1
The Tamil United Liberation Front or any other party with similar objectives will no longer exist in our land.

Letter from Budapest Blowing the whistle on a football scandal

The heat which weighs on the limbs as heavily as gabardine has almost smothered the life of Budapest. But there is still enough righteous zeal for citizens to sit in cafes and buses and argue the pros and cons of a bizarre football corruption scandal.

Today's events

New exhibitions
Somerset Guild of Craftsmen 50th Anniversary Summer Exhibition, Taunton Technical College, Wellington Road, Taunton; Man to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (from today until Aug 20).

Construction

construction since 3,000 BC. City Museum and Art Gallery, Priests-gate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Mon and Sun; (from today until Sept 3).

Last chance to see

Exhibition of the work of John Ruskin; Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).

Roads

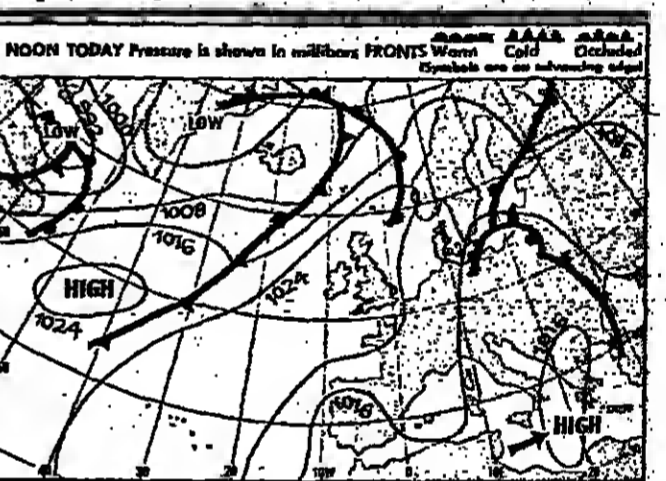
London and South-east: A4: Lane closures on Cromwell Road West between Earl Court and Barons Court tomorrow. A22: Extra traffic expected for European Skiing Championships near Thorpe Park, Egham, Surrey, A26, A27, A27 (reports).

Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW
Oxfordshire: Watlington Horticultural Centre, nr Wheatley, 8m E of Oxford, 2m from Wheatley on old A40, ornamental gardens, nurseries, glasshouses, fruit, alpines, shrubs, herbaceous, many interesting plants; 10 to 6.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will remain over Britain.
Mm to midnight
London, Midlands, south of England: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable, light; max temp 22 to 24°C (72 to 75°F).



Solution of Puzzle No 16, 19S

ACROSS
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16, 201

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9JY.

Name: _____
Address: _____

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 27 indicating starting positions for the clues.

- ACROSS
1. Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).
- 2. Sort of sticks you start to use, maybe, to put this down (4-4).
- 3. A starting order for call-over (12).
- 4. Castle provides cover for a Scottish soldier (8).
- 5. One so deep in trouble becomes part of the serial (7).
- 6. So spirited a herald (6).
- 7. Pop over the channel - for fruit, say (3-5).
- 8. Swaggery, having boisterous air (8).
- 9. Lazy sort of pest all over the garden (8).
- 10. Bribed to accept wood for this form of heating? (3-5).
- 11. Trained around to spread it out (8).
- 12. Vanbrugh's fall back (7).
- 13. Having the same length of tooth (6).
- 14. Second hand as called by dexter (4).

Music

Grove organ recital, by Thomas Trotter, Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.30. Organ recital by Herford, Mendoc, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45. Organ recital by Janos Sebestyen, Worcester Cathedral, 6.30.

General

Funerals 8:30: Children's activities and entertainment, Bingley Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, 11 to 7; (from today until Aug 21).

The papers

The Daily Mail says the horrifying communal violence in Sri Lanka belongs to a sadly familiar pattern. Can any in the impression given by the Government the end of the British empire meant the end of protection for millions of people belonging to minority racial groups.

Tomorrow

Music
Concert by Otterbein College Band from Ohio, USA, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

In the garden

Climbing plants grow quickly now and may push up around gutters, down pipes and under tiles or slates. Cut them back - especially if you are going on holiday.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$ 1.75, Austria Sch 27.50, Belgium Fr 22.50, Canada \$ 1.88, Denmark Kr 14.80, etc.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunset times for various locations: London 8.11 pm to 8.02 am, Bristol 8.21 pm to 8.12 am, etc.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various locations: Aberdeen 11.55, Belfast 12.15, Birmingham 12.00, etc.

NOON TODAY

Table showing temperatures at noon for various locations: London 16.6, Glasgow 11.8, etc.

London

Table showing weather conditions for London: Temperature max 8 am to 6 pm, 25°C (77°F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 14°C (57°F).

Highest and lowest

Table showing highest and lowest temperatures for various locations: London 16.6, Glasgow 11.8, etc.

High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations: London 12.15, Aberdeen 12.25, etc.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various international locations: Athens 29.7, Cairo 31.0, etc.

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